

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Twice Amended) A raisable window treatment sized to fit substantially over a window opening, the window treatment capable of being vertically raised or lowered, the window treatment comprising:
  - (i) a multiple rows of ties and ~~at least~~ one row of openings for vertically raising the entire bottom portion of the window treatment and removably securing ~~at least a said~~ portion of the window treatment in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening;
  - (ii) the multiple rows of ties extend horizontally along ~~is affixed to the window treatment along an upper portion a portion~~ of the window treatment and are affixed to the window treatment; at least one row of ties extends along the lower portion of the window treatment;
  - (iii) the ~~at least~~ one row of openings is positioned along ~~an lower upper~~ portion of the window treatment and positioned above each row of ties;
  - (iv) the openings in the ~~at least one~~ row of openings are adapted for receiving the ties therethrough for fastening the ties to the openings;
  - (v) the window treatment is in a raised position when at least one ~~the~~ row of ties is fastened to the ~~at least~~ one row of openings, thereby causing the lower portion of the window treatment to be vertically raised and removably secured in the raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening; ~~and~~
  - (vi) the fastening of ~~the row of~~ at least one row of ties to the ~~at least one~~ row of openings is the only manner by which the lower portion of the window treatment is horizontally raised and removably secured in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening; and
  - (vii) a sleeve positioned at or near the top of the panel, wherein the sleeve comprises one or more sections extending laterally along at or near the top of the panel to enable insertion of a rod through the sleeve for installing and suspending the panel.

2. (Currently Amended) The window treatment of claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~ row of openings is a row of grommets.

3. (Currently Amended) The window treatment of claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~ multiple rows of ties is ~~are~~ arranged horizontally at a location which is about 0.1 to about 12 inches from the top edge of the window treatment.

4. (Original) The window treatment of claim 1, further comprising a tab top suspending sleeve for suspending the window treatment in front of the window opening.

5. (Currently Amended) The window treatment of claim 1, ~~further comprising multiple wherein the~~ rows of openings; and the multiple rows of ties ~~openings~~ are arranged to provide a window treatment having folded sections of substantially equal size when the window treatment is in the raised position.

6. (Twice Amended) A raisable window treatment sized to fit substantially over a window opening, the window treatment capable of being vertically raised or lowered, the window treatment comprising:

(i) multiple a rows of openings and ~~at least~~ one row of ties for vertically raising the entire bottom portion of the window treatment and removably securing ~~at least~~ said a portion of the window treatment in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening;

(ii) the multiple rows of openings extend horizontally ~~is affixed to the window treatment~~ along an upper portion of the window treatment and are affixed to the window treatment; at least one row of ties extends along the lower portion of the window treatment;

(iii) the ~~at least~~ one row of ties is positioned along ~~a lower~~ an upper portion of the window treatment and positioned above each row of openings;

(iv) the openings in the row of openings are adapted for receiving the ties therethrough for fastening the ties to the openings;

(v) the window treatment is in a raised position when at least one row of ties is fastened to the row of openings, thereby causing the lower portion of the window treatment to be vertically raised and removably secured in the raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening; ~~and~~

(vi) the fastening of the ~~at least~~ one row of ties to at least one row of openings is the only manner by which the lower portion of the window treatment is vertically raised and removably secured in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening; and

(vii) a sleeve positioned at or near the top of the panel, wherein the sleeve comprises one or more sections extending laterally along at or near the top of the panel to enable insertion of a rod through the sleeve for installing and suspending the panel.

7. (Twice Amended) The window treatment of claim 1, wherein the multiple rows of openings ~~is~~ are a row of grommets.

8. (Twice Amended) A raisable window treatment sized to fit substantially over a window opening, the window treatment capable of being vertically raised or lowered, the window treatment comprising:

i. a row of ties and three rows of openings for removably securing at least a portion of the window treatment in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening;

ii. the row of ties is affixed to the window treatment along an upper portion of the window treatment; the row of ties extending horizontally across the upper portion of the window treatment; the three rows of openings are positioned below the row of ties; each row of openings extends horizontally across the window treatment, and each row of openings is spaced apart from the other rows of openings;

iii. the openings in three rows of openings are adapted for receiving the ties therethrough for fastening the ties to the openings;

iv. the window treatment is in a raised position when the row of at least three ties is fastened to the first, second or third row of openings, thereby causing a lower portion of the window treatment to be vertically raised and removably secured in the raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening; and

v. the fastening of the row of ties to the first, second or third row of openings is the only manner by which the lower portion of the window treatment is horizontally raised and removably secured in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening; and

(vi) a sleeve position at or near the top of the panel, wherein the sleeve comprises one or more sections extending laterally along at or near the top of the panel to enable insertion of a rod through the sleeve for installing and suspending the panel.

9. (Original) The window treatment of claim 1, wherein the three rows of openings are a rows of grommets.

10. (Twice Amended) A raisable window treatment sized to fit substantially over a window opening, the window treatment capable of being vertically raised or lowered ~~without the use of draw strings~~, the window treatment comprising:

i. a row of openings and three rows of ties for vertically raising a lower portion of the window treatment and removably securing at least a said portion of the window treatment in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening;

ii. the row of openings is affixed to the window treatment along an upper portion of the window treatment; the row of openings extending horizontally across the window treatment and each row of ties is spaced apart from the other row of ties;

iii. the three rows of ties are positioned below the row of openings; each row of ties extending horizontally across the window treatment and each row of ties is spaced apart from the other row of ties;

iv. the openings in the rows of openings are adapted for receiving the ties therethrough for fastening the ties to the openings;

~~v.~~ the window treatment is in a raised position when the first, second or third row of ties is fastened to the row of openings, thereby causing a lower portion of the window treatment to be vertically raised and removably secured in the raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening; ~~and~~

vi. the fastening of the first, second or third row of ties to the one row of openings is the only manner by which the lower portion of the window treatment is removably secured in a raised position while the window treatment is positioned over the window opening; and

(vii) a sleeve position at or near the top of the panel, wherein the sleeve comprises one or more sections extending laterally along at or near the top of the panel to enable insertion of a rod through the sleeve for installing and suspending the panel.

11. (Original) The window treatment of claim 1, wherein the row of openings is a row of grommets.

12. (Original) The window treatment of claims 8, wherein the at least one row of ties is arranged horizontally at a location which is about 0.1 to about 12 inches from the top edge of the window treatment.

13. (Original) The window treatment of claim 6, further comprising a tab top suspending sleeve for suspending the window treatment in front of the window opening.

14. (Original) The window treatment of claim 8, further comprising a tab top suspending the window treatment in front of the window opening.

15. (Original) The window treatment of claim 10, further comprising a tab top suspending sleeve for suspending the window treatment in front of the window opening.

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16. (Original) The window treatment of claim 8, wherein the three rows of openings are arranged to provide a window treatment having folded sections of substantially equal size when the window treatment is in the raised position.

17. (Previously Presented) The window treatment of claim 8, wherein the three rows of openings are positioned to permit the portion of the window treatment to be raised at three different heights relative to the top of the window treatment when the first, second or third row of openings is fastened to the row of ties.

18. (Currently Amended) The window treatment of claim 10, wherein the three rows of ties are positioned along the window treatment to permit the portion of the window treatment to be vertically raised at three different heights relative to the top of the window treatment when the first, second or third row of ties is fastened to the row of openings.